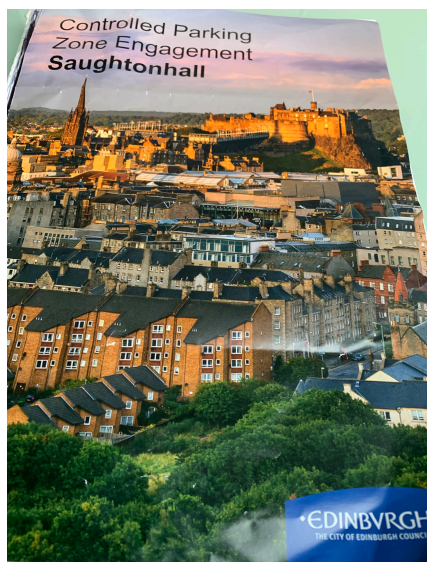


Controlled Parking Zone, Saughtonhall Area



You may be aware of the Council's plans to introduce more Controlled Parking Zones (CPZ) across the city.

The leaflet for our Saughtonhall area was distributed across last week, but it seems some householders didn't receive it. Along with neighbours Duncan Simmers and Gordon Sharpe, I attended a virtual meeting about these plans on Monday evening. The process of logging onto that meeting wasn't straightforward, so this flyer may provide some details you're unaware of.

I believe there were 14 Saughtonhall residents at this meeting so local knowledge of these plans might be limited. A further online meeting takes place on Thursday 5 March at 1pm. Due to Coronavirus, no meetings in person will take place.

Follow this link to register for 5 March

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/saughtonhall-cpz-drop-in-session-tickets-138731689217>

See the attached map of Baird Grove. Our street will have;

permit holder bays, for which residents will have to buy an annual permit. Cost to be decided. Existing Zones 5-8 in Edinburgh cost approx £100 per year

shared use parking bays for residents with permits, and for visitors to pay and display double yellow lines.

current white lines across our drives are to be replaced with single yellow lines. Parking on these single yellow lines during the hours of restrictions isn't allowed

Day time operating hours to be decided, also taking into account evening and weekend events at Murrayfield and Tynecastle Stadiums

trades people will need to buy a trade permit

you can buy an allocation of visitor permits at a slightly cheaper cost then pay and display

blue badge holders will have designated parking bays at no cost to the holder

similar plans for all streets in Saughtonhall

please feel free to share this with other neighbours in our area.

Project Manager, Andrew Mackay, from City of Edinburgh Council..

...took questions and was very open. The CPZ is intended to reduce the numbers parking locally who then travel into town by tram or bus for work or shopping. A survey took place last year. Along with other parts of the city, the Roseburn, Corstorphine and Murrayfield areas will also have CPZs in place. The exact timescale hasn't been agreed. Mr Mackay expressed his view that if Saughtonhall decides it doesn't want these parking restrictions, our streets could be filled with commuters enjoying free parking.

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Some resident views expressed at the meeting;

The traffic survey took place during lockdown. Parking was at 62% of available spaces but may include residents working from home, furloughed etc, rather than commuters

Work patterns may change after the lockdown, with many office workers and shoppers preferring not to commute into town every day

Both points bring the basic assumption for the need for parking restrictions into question

A number of our senior residents may have limited internet access or be unfamiliar with interactive maps, or how to complete online surveys, thus being missed out from any consultation - but directly affected by the proposals

There is no postal address on the Council's online page for returning surveys. (I've included Andrew's work address at the end if you wish to return a survey by post)

Some other thoughts

The survey contains some very general questions. Andrew suggested any further points anyone wants to make could be included with your postal survey or by email.

Given all new cars from 2030 will be electric, how will some residents charge their electric car if they can't park outside their home?

As residents who live near street corners will have double yellow lines, parking will be displaced further into Baird Grove and neighbouring streets

Given the false basis for the survey, the Council should postpone decisions for 2 years to see how our post-Coronavirus living and working develops

Map

<https://project-centre.maps.arcgis.com/apps/View/index.html?appid=794c339212db4fa7b0aa2b51d67e83ed>

Residents' Survey

https://consultprojectcentre.co.uk/parkingph2/survey_tools/cpzphase2survey

SURVEY CLOSSES AT MIDNIGHT ON SUNDAY 14 MARCH

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Please let us know if you'd like a paper copy of the survey

Parking Pressures Survey Results

https://democracy.edinburgh.gov.uk/Data/Transport%20and%20Environment%20Committee/20190305/Agenda/item_75_-_strategic_review_of_parking_-_results_of_area_1_review_and_corstorphine_consultation_results.pdf

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